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WELLAND, Jan. 27th, 1885.

Pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of the various municipalities comprising the County of Welland, met at the Grand Jury Room, in the Court House, for the purpose of organization, election of Warden, and the transaction of general county business, at 7 o'clock p. m. Council met.

The Clerk *ad interim* in the chair.

Certificates & qualifications

The following named gentlemen presented their certificates of election, and having made and subscribed the declarations of office and qualification, as required by law, took their seats at the council table, that is to say:

TOWNSHIP OF BERTIE—Cranmer Riselay, Esq., Reeve,
Edmund Miller, Esq., 1st Deputy-Reeve,
Walter E. Ellsworth, Esq., 2nd Deputy-Reeve.

VILLAGE OF CHIPPAWA—John Carter, Esq., Reeve.

TOWNSHIP OF CROWLAND—John McIntyre, Esq., Reeve.

VILLAGE OF FORT ERIE—E. Cruickshank, Esq., Reeve.

TOWNSHIP OF HUMBERSTONE—John A. Ramsden, Esq., Reeve,
Elihu Neff, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.

VILLAGE OF NIAGARA FALLS—George Shrimpton, Esq., Reeve.

TOWNSHIP OF PELHAM—D. Metler, Esq., Reeve,
Edward Sisler, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.

VILLAGE OF PORT COLBORNE—H. Cronmiller, Esq., Reeve.

TOWNSHIP OF STAMFORD—John A. Orchard, Esq., Reeve,
Calvin D. Emmett, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.

TOWNSHIP OF THOROLD—John Wilson, Esq., Reeve,
W. H. Gainer, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.

TOWN OF THOROLD—Wm. McCleary, Esq., Reeve,
George Turner, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.

TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET—Wm. Brown, Esq., Reeve,
John Mawhinney, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.

TOWN OF WELLAND—H. Griffiths, Esq., Reeve,
G. L. Hobson, Esq., Deputy-Reeve.

TOWNSHIP OF WILLOUGHBY—M. B. Barnhard, Esq., Reeve.

The roll having been called, the following councillors answered to their names:

The roll.

Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Carter, Cronmiller, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Riselay, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner, and Wilson—23.

The Clerk announced that it would now be in order to proceed with the election of Warden for the current year.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

Election of Warden.

That J. A. Ramsden, Reeve of Humberstone, be Warden for the current year.

And moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

That Mr. C. Riselay, Reeve of Bertie, be the Warden for the County of Welland for the year 1885.

Amendment proposed and carried on a division.

Mr. Riselay being informed of his election took and subscribed the declaration of office as such Warden, before Thomas D. Cowper, a commissioner, and took his seat as Warden for the year 1885, after thanking the council for the honor conferred on him.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

Hours of meeting and adjournment.

That the hours of meeting and adjournment during the present session be as follows:—Meet at 9 o'clock, a. m., adjourn at 12:30 p. m.; meet again at 2 o'clock, p. m., and adjourn at 6 p. m, and that the committees meet at 7 p. m.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Barnhard, in amendment,

That the hours of meeting and adjournment during the present session be as follows:—Meet at 9 o'clock a. m., odjourn at 12:30 p m.; meet again at 2 o'clock, p. m. and adjourn at 6 o'clock p. m.

Amendment proposed and carried on a division.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Metler,

Com. to strike standing committees.

That Messrs. Ramsden, Barnhard, McCleary, Orchard, Wilson, Cruickshank, Mawhinney, and the mover and seconder be a committee to strike the standing committees for the year 1885.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. McIntyre. in amendment,

That Messrs. Cruickshank, Griffith, Barnhard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, McCleary, Cronmiller, and the mover and seconder be a committee to strike the standing Committees for the current year, with instructions to report during the morning session.

Amendment proposed and lost on a division.

Original motion proposed and carried on a division.

Board of Audit. Mr. Ramsden gives notice that he would on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a bill for the appointment of members of the board of audit.

High School Trustees. Mr. Cruickshank gives notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill to fill vacancies about to occur in the various High School Boards throughout the county.

Treasurer's accounts. Also a bill to appoint auditors of treasurer's accounts.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Sisler, that this Council do now adjourn.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion the council adjourned at 8 o'clock, p. m.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, January 28th, 1885

Pursuant to adjournment the council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

Present. MEMBERS PRESENT:—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Cronmiller, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner and Wilson.—22.

Minutes of yesterday read by the clerk and approved by council.

The Warden presented several communications which were read to council.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Shrimpton,

Standing Committees. That the names of the following gentlemen be added to the committee to strike the standing committees. viz.. Messrs. Carter Cronmiller, McIntyre, and the mover and seconder.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

Ont. Rifle Association. That the sum of ten dollars be and is hereby granted to the Ontario Rifle Association on behalf of this Council, and that the Warden do issue his cheque in favor of Lt.-Col. W. D. Otter for said amount.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That leave be given to introduce a bill to appoint High School trustees to fill vacancies about to occur in the boards. High School Trustees.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read a first time in blank.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Griffiths,

That the blank in the bill for the appointment of High School trustees be filled up by inserting the name of David McEwing for the Town of Welland. Carried. High School, Welland.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Turner,

That the blank in the bill for the appointment of High School trustees be filled in with the name of Andrew Hardie for the Town of Thorold.—Carried. High School, Thorold.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

That the names of Rev. R. Atchinson and Edgerton Morden be inserted in the by-law as High School trustees for the Drummondville High School.—Carried. High School, Drmmondv'le

Pursuant to the foregoing motions the several names were entered in the bill for the appointment of High School trustees.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the bill be read a second time.—Carried.

Bill read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith; that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law, and that its title be as in the bill.—Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled, "A By-Law for the Appointment of High School Trustees." By-law re School Trustees.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. McIntyre,

That James A. Lowell be appointed Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year on behalf of this Council; and Auditors' Treas. acco'nt

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Hobson, in amendment,

That the name of James A. Lowell, in the original motion, be expunged, and the name of M. F. Haney be inserted instead.

The yeas and nays being called on the amendment, were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton and Sisler. —11.

Amendment declared lost.

Original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney, in amendment,

That James E. Baxter be appointed as Auditor of Treasurer's accounts for the current year,

Amendment proposed and lost on a division.

Original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gainer, in amendment,

That Thomas A. Clark be, and he is, hereby appointed Auditor of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—11.

Nays: Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton, aud Sisler.—11.

The Warden pronounced the amendment lost.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller, in amendment, that the name of James A. Lowell, in the original motion be expunged, and the name of A. K. Scholfield be inserted instead.

The yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner, and Wilson.—11.

Nays: Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton, and Sisler.—11.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

The original motion being proposed,

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Wilson, in amendment,

That W. M. German be, and he is, hereby appointed auditor on behalf of this Council, of the Treasurer's accounts for the year 1885.

Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, Neff, and Wilson.—8.

Nays: Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton, Sisler, and Turner.—13.

Amendment passing in the negative majority,—5.

Original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney, in amendment,

That Malom Springer be appointed auditor, on behalf of the County, of the Treusurer's accounts for 1885.

Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton and Sisler.—11.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Wilson, in amendment,

That Leon C. Macklem be, and he is, hereby appointed auditor of Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

Yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson,—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton and Sisler. —11.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

The original motion being again proposed to appoint James A. Lowell auditor of Treasurer's accounts was declared carried on a division.

Warden's appointment of Auditor.

The Warden announced to the Council that he appointed John H. Beam, on behalf of the head of the corporation, as auditor of Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

By-law appointing auditor of Treas. accounts.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Metler, that leave be given to introduce a bill to appoint auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Metler, that the bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Metler, that the bill be read a second time.—Carried.

Bill read a second time,

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Metler,

That the bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith, that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law, and that its title be as in the bill.—Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled a "By-law to appoint auditors of Treasurer's accounts."

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

Appointment to Board of Audit.

That the name of E. Cruickshank be inserted in the bill for the appointment of members of the Board of Audit.—Carried,

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. McIntyre,

That the blank in the bill for the appointment of members of the Board of Audit be filled by inserting the name of Jas. Henderson.

And moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gainer, in amendment,

That the blank in the bill to appoint members of the Board of Audit be filled up by inserting the name of Thomas A. Clark.

Amendment proposed and lost on a division.

Original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller, in amendment,

That the name of James Henderson in the original motion be expunged, and the name of A. K. Scholfield be inserted instead.

Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton and Sisler. —11.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller, in amendment,

That the name of Mr. Henderson in the original motion be expunged, and the name of Daniel Near be inserted instead.

Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffith, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard Shrimpton and Sisler, —11.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Brown, in amendment,

That all in the original motion after the word "that" be expunged and the following inserted: That the blank in the bill to

appoint members of the Board of Audit be filled up by inserting the name of Stephen Beatty.

Amendment proposed and lost on a division.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. McCleary, in amendment,

That the name of James E. Morin be inserted in the bill for the appointment of Board of Audit.

Amendment proposed and lost on a division.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Griffith, in amendment,

That all in the original motion after the word "that" be expunged, and the following inserted: That the blank in the bill to appoint members of the Board of Audit be filled up by inserting the name of William M. German.

Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Metler, Miller. McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton and Sisler—12.

Amendment passing in the negative; majority 2.

The original motion being again proposed to appoint James Henderson a member of Board of Audit, and the yeas and nays being called were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton, and Sisler—11.

NAYS—Messrs, Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—11.

The Warden declared the motion carried.

Communications Public School Board of Welland re Gaol Surg.

The Warden presented to council communications from F. Swayze, Chairman of Public School Board, Welland, also from Judge Baxter, accompanied by his Report *re* Gaol Surgeon.

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Griffiths,

That the communication from the Board of School Trustees

Welland, *re* grant to Model School, be referred to the Committee on Education, with instructions to report thereon during the present session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

That the communication from the Canada Land Law Association be referred to a special committee, composed of the following named gentlemen, viz.: Messrs. Cruickshank, McCleary, Gainer, Miller, Brown, and the mover and seconder.—Carried. Land Law Association.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the communication from the County of Oxford *re* Railway Bonus, be referred to a special committee composed of the following named gentlemen, viz.: Messrs. McCleary, Ellsworth, Cronmiller, Mawhinney, Carter, Shrimpton, and the mover and seconder of this resolution.—Carried. R'y bonus Co Oxford.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Metler,

That the communication from the County of Carlton *re* Asylums for Idiots, be referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Hobson, Metler, McIntyre, Cronmiller and Gainer.—Carried. Asylums fo Idiots.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That the communication from the County of Wellington, *re* poor houses, be referred to a special committee composed of the following named gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Gainer, Barnhard, Neff, Miller and Sisler.—Carried. Committee *re* Poorhouses

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

That the communication from the County Council of the County of York, *re* appointment of County and Surrogate Registrars by County Councils, be referred to a special committee composed of the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Hobson, Metler, Turner, McIntyre, Wilson and Cruickshank.—Carried. *Re* appointment of Registrars.

Moved by Mr. Neff, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the communication from the County Council of the County of Waterloo, *re* public roads, be referred to a special committee composed of the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Gainer, Ellsworth, Mawhinney, Sisler, and the mover and seconder of this resolution.—Carried. *Re* Public Roads.

Moved by Mr. Cronmiller, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the communication from the County of Lincoln, *re* exemp- Exemption from taxation.

tion from taxation, be referred to a committee composed of the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Cruickshank, McCleary, Emmett, Griffith, Ellsworth and the mover and seconder.—Carried.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

At 2 o'clock p. m., the council resumed.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

Municipal Indebtedness.

That the Warden do cause a statement to be laid before this council during the present session, showing the amount yet due this county from the different municipalities; and also the amount of indebtedness of the county, and the amount of cash on hand, and the probable amount which it will be necessary to raise by a temporary loan to carry on the business of the county during the present year. —Carried.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

Mortgages Marsh Lands.

That the Clerk furnish this council a statement of the mortgages on the Marsh Lands, shewing

1st—The amount of the mortgages given,

2nd—The amount of instalments paid during the year 1884,

3rd—The number of defaulters, if any,

4th—If notices have been given to the defaulters.—Carried.

Standing Committees

By permission the Special Committee to strike the Standing Committees for the current year, were allowed to retire.

The Special Committee returned and presented report of committee.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Shrimpton,

That the report of Special Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the year 1885 be received and read.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Shrimpton,

That the report just read be adopted, and

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, in amendment,

Report of Committees

That the report of the committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees be not adopted, but that the same be referred back to

the said committee with instructions to amend their report by reducing the number of members upon the Gaol Committee to five.

Amendment proposed and the yeas and nays being called were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard and Sisler—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson. Mawhinney, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—10.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

The original motion for the adoption of the report being again proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, Neff, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Turner and Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard and Sisler—10.

The motion for the adoption of the report passing in the affirmative, majority 1.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

That leave be given to introduce a bill to appoint members of the Board of Audit.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

That the bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

That the bill be read a second time.—Carried.

Bill read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

That the bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith; that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law, and that its title be as in the bill.—Carried.

By-law *re* Board of Audt

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled, "A By-law for the appointment of members of the Board of Audit."

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

THIRD DAY.

JANUARY 29, 1885.

Council met. Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met at Council Chamber at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

Present. MEMBERS PRESENT :—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Carter, Cronmiller, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner and Wilson—22.

Minutes read. Minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by Council.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

Division Cou't advertisem'ts That the advertisement of the Division Courts in the county newspapers be discontinued, the same being an expense to the county of nearly $300.00 a year without getting any return, and the Clerk to notify the editors of the county papers to that effect.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney,

Niagara Falls accounts. That Messrs. McCleary, Cruickshank and Ramsden be appointed a committee to settle accounts with Niagara Falls as per award.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

Standing rules. That the following named gentlemen be a committee to revise the standing rules of this Council, with instructions to report at June session, viz.: Messrs. Ramsden, Orchard, Wilson, and the mover and seconder.—Carried.

Report of Committee *re* Maintenance of Idiots. The Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the County of Carlton *re* maintenance of Idiots, brought up their report, which was read to the council.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Gainer,

That the report of committee just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

Account of J. Allison

That the account of John Allison, amounting to $8.00, for lumber furnished for repairing two bridges on town line between Thorold and Stamford, be paid, and that the Warden do issue his cheque for the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Shrimpton,

Wainfleet Road

That whereas a Special Committee was appointed at the June session of last year for the purpose of purchasing lands for road in the Township of Wainfleet between the 3rd and 4th concession; and as the matter is still unsettled,

Be it therefore resolved that a Special Committee be appointed, composed of the following gentlemen, viz, Messrs. Brown, Cruickshank and Mawhinney, to complete the purchase of lands required for road, if practicable.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

Report of Committee on Salaries.

That the report of the Standing Committee on salaries be received and read.—Carried.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

That the report of the Standing Committee on salaries, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

Salaries of officers.

That leave be given to introduce a bill to fix the salaries of county officers for current year.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

That the bill be read a first time.

Bill read a first time.

Moved by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Emmeett,

That the bill be read a second time.

Bill read a second time.

Moved by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Emmett,

Bill re salaries

That the bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith; that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law, and that its title be as in the bill.

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled, "A By-law to fix salaries of County officers."

Report of Committee *re* Registrars.

The Special Committee *re* appointment of County and Surrogate Registrars by County Councils, brought up their reports, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Turner,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Report of Committee on Education.

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That the first report of the Standing Committee on Education be received and read. Carried.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Barnhard,

Montrose Bridge.

That the Warden do issue his cheque in favor of Wm. Burns for $50.00 for salary as caretaker of Montrose bridge for 1884.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Miller,

Co. Wellington.

That the report of the Special Committee *re* County of Wellington be received and read.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Miller,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Council resumed.

Account of late Roland Macdonald.

Mr. Hobson presented account from estate of late Rolland McDonald for fees as member of Board of Audit during his life time, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. McCleary,

That the account of the late Judge McDonald for services as auditor of public accounts, be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Report of Co. Inspector

The Warden presented report of James H. Ball, County School Inspector, which was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That the report of James H. Ball, Public School Inspector, be printed in the minutes of the proceedings of this Council.—Carried.

Evidence *re* Gaol Surgeon.

The Warden presented the evidence and report in *re* Gaol Surgeon, which report was read to Council.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. McIntyre,

That the report of the Inspector of Prisons, *re* Gaol Surgeon, laid over at the November session, be taken up at this meeting for them to act on ; and

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. McCleary, in amendment,

That the report of the Prison Inspector, *re* Gaol Surgeon, be laid over, and the report of the Judge in the matter be taken up at once.

Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—11.

NAYS — Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton and Sisler.—11.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

The original motion being again proposed, was declared carried on a division.

Mr. Cruickshank gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, introduce a bill to repeal chapter 129 of the by-laws of this Council.

Pursuant to motion, the Clerk produced the report of Gaol Inspector, laid over from November session, 1884,

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That whereas Mr. W. T. O'Reilly, Inspector of Prisons, in his report of official enquiry made into certain charges against the Gaol Surgeon of this County, did report: "That the charges against the Gaol Surgeon have been substantially proven, and that I am of the opinion that Dr. Schooley should not be continued in that position."

Appointment of Dr. Glasgow.

Therefore be it resolved, and it is hereby resolved, that the said Dr. Schooley be removed from the said position of Gaol Surgeon, and Dr. S. H. Glasgow be appointed in his stead; and

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Gainer, in amendment,

That whereas it is the desire of this Council that the evidence taken by the Judge, *re* charges against Gaol Surgeon, be read to them for the better understanding of the case; it is also desirable that the evidence taken by the Gaol Inspector on the 10th and 17th of May, 1883, *re* charges against Gaol Surgeon, and upon which his report of date June 5th, 1883, was made, be also laid before this Council for the more fully understanding of the same.

Be it therefore resolved that the Warden be, and he is, hereby instructed to procure the same and lay it before this Council at this session, if practicable; if not then at the June sessions.

Amendment proposed, and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton and Sisler—11.

The Warden declared the amendment lost.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Hobson, in amendment,

That the name of Dr. Glasgow in the original motion be expunged, and the name of Dr. A. B. Cook be inserted instead.

Amendment proposed and lost on a division.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Wilson,

That the name of Dr. S. Glasgow in the original motion be expunged, and the name of Dr. H. Park be inserted instead, and that his salary be one hundred dollars per annum.

Amendment proposed and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson.—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton and Sisler.—11.

The Warden declared the motion lost.

The original motion being again proposed and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton and Sisler.—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson.—11.

The Warden declared the motion carried.

Mr. Cruickshank gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill to appoint a Gaol Surgeon.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Warden left the chair.

FOURTH DAY.

JANUARY 30th, 1885.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Warden in the chair.

Present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Carter, Cronmiller, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner and Wilson.—22.

Minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by Council.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

Gaol Surgeon's salary.

That the salary of the Gaol Surgeon of this county be fixed at the sum of $100 per annum instead of $150 as heretofore.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the report of the Judge in *re* Gaol Surgeon be printed in the appendix of the minutes of the county council.

Mr. Cruickshank gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill defining the duties of the Gaol Surgeon of this county.

Moved by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

Re aid to Welland Bridge.

That whereas the town of Welland has been compelled to build a very expensive bridge over Welland river and the county has never contributed any sum of money toward the erection and maintenance of the said bridge;

Be it therefore resolved that the sum of $800 be granted to the town of Welland to assist in the maintenance of the said bridge, and that the Warden do issue his cheque in favor of H. D. Lock (town Treasurer) for the above named amount.

Motion proposed and the yeas and nays being called, were taken as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Griffiths and Hobson.—2.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown' Carter, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner and Wilson.—18.

Motion passing in the negative ; majority 16.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Shrimpton,

Re walls and stairway of Court House.

That the Gaol Committee be, and they are, hereby instructed to have the walls and stairway of the winding stairway duly cleaned and put into a condition corresponding with the general condition of this building.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

Re county minutes.

That it be an instruction to the County printers of this Council to have the minutes of each session of this Council printed and in a proper form for distribution within a period of two months from the date of the termination of said session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

Re aid to Chippawa Bridge.

That whereas the entire responsibility and expense of maintaining the bridge over the Welland River, situate within the municipality of the Village of Chippawa, known as the Chippawa Bridge, now rests solely upon the said municipality of Chippawa ;

And whereas the public interest requires the immediate expenditure of a considerable sum of money to place the said bridge in a safe and proper condition for the purposes of public travel ;

And whereas the Dominion Government has been memorialized by this Council from time to time to assume the said bridge, and nothing has been done in the matter by the aforesaid Government ;

And whereas the interests of the travelling public require the maintenance of the said bridge in a safe condition ; and the expenditure necessary to accomplish this object will prove a serious burden upon the resources of so small a municipality as the said Village of Chippawa :

Be it therefore resolved that the Warden be, and is, hereby authorized to issue his cheque in favor of the treasurer of the said Village of Chippawa for the sum of four hundred dollars to assist the

Municipal Council of said municipality in repairing said bridge and maintaining it in a safe condition ; and the said four hundred dollars shall be applied for the purpose of repairing the said bridge and not for the payment of any claim that may have been heretofore incurred by the said village, or for any other purpose than repairs.

A long discussion arose in reference to said resolution.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Metler,

That the question before the board be now put.—Carried.

Pursuant to the motion the original resolution was again proposed, and the yeas and nays being called were taken as follows, viz.:

YEAS — Messrs. Barnhard, Carter, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Metler, Miller, McIntyre, Orchard, Shrimpton, and Sisler.—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Mawhinney, McCleary, Neff, Ramsden, Turner and Wilson.—11.

The Warden after explanations declared the motion carried.

Re report of County Clerk

The Warden presented the report of County Clerk, which was read to council.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney,

That the report of County Clerk be approved as read and printed in the appendix, and that Mr. Brown be appointed to act in conjunction with the Warden to carry out the provisions of the report.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Council resumed.

Mr. Wilson presented account from I. H. Allan for $1.25 for spikes certified to by the Road and Bridge Committee.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Barnhard,

That the account of I. H. Allan for spike, amounting to $1.25, be paid, and that the Warden do issue his cheque for the same.—Carried. **Ac. of I. H. Allan.**

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Neff,

That the report of Special Committee, *re* memorial County of Waterloo, be received and read. **Report of Committee re Co. Waterloo**

Report read pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Gainer, seconded by Mr. Neff,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Mr. Cruickshank gives notice that on to-morrow he will introduce a bill to authorize the Warden to raise certain sums of money by temporary loan to meet current expenses of this county for the present year. **Notice of motion *re* loan.**

The Warden presented a return from County Treasurer pursuant to motion. **Co. Treas. return.**

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That leave be given to introduce a bill to repeal by-law No. 129 of this county, entitled, "A By-Law to appoint Gaol Physicians;" and to appoint Dr. S. H. Glasgow Gaol Surgeon. **By-law appointing Gaol Surgeon.**

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That the bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That the bill be read a second time.—Carried.

Bill read a second time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That the bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith; that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law, and that its title be as in the bill.—Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled a "By-law to repeal By-law No. 129 of the County of Welland," and to appoint Dr. S. H. Glasgow as Gaol Surgeon.

Ditch tax in Wainfleet.

Mr. Brown presented petition in reference to ditch tax in township of Wainfleet, accompanied by amounts due.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Gainer,

That the communication of Wm. Brown be referred to a special committee composed of Messrs. Ramsden, Miller, Cruickshank, Wilson and McCleary to report to-morrow.—Garried.

Canada Lard Law Association.

By permission the Special Committee *re* Canada Land Law Association were allowed to retire.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Miller,

That the report of Special Committee *re* the communication of the Canada Land Law Association be received and read.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Miller,

That the report of the Special Committee just read be adopted. —Carried.

Report of Finance Com.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the first report of the Finance Committee be received and read.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Orcherd, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

That the report of the Finance Committee just read be adopted. —Carried.

Memorial to Minister R'ys and Cana's.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Neff,

That leave be given to introduce a Memorial to the Honorable the Minister of Railways and Canals for the Dominion of Canada.

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Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Neff,

morial be read a first time.

Memorial read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Neff,

That the memorial be read a second time.

Memorial read a second time.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Neff,

That the memorial be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith; that it do pass, be signed by the Warden and Clerk, and the corporate seal attached thereto, and forwarded to Dr. John Ferguson, M. P., for presentation to the Honorable, the Minister of Railways and Canals.—Carried.

Memorial read a third time and passed, signed and sealed and forwarded as directed.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

FIFTH DAY.

JANUARY 31st, 1885.

Pursuant to adjournment the council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

Present. MEMBERS PRESENT:—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Carter, Cronmiller, Cruickshank, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Griffiths, Hobson, Metler, Mawhinney, Miller, McCleary, McIntyre, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Shrimpton, Sisler, Turner and Wilson—22.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the Clerk and approved by council.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Miller,

County loan. That leave be given to introduce a bill to authorize the Warden to make temporary loan for the benefit of the county duri ng the current year.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Miller,
That the bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Miller,

That the bill be now read a second time.

Bill read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Miller,

That the bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith, that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law and that its title be as in the bill.—Carried.

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled a "By-law to authorize the Warden of the County of Welland to make temporary loan."

By permission the Gaol Committee and Special Committee *re* Tax Exemptions were allowed to retire.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Metler,

Paid committees accounts

That all members composing paid committees be required to furnish to the Finance Committee of this Council their accounts in detail, showing dates of attendance and miles travelled in connection with their duties on such committees.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Barnhard,

J. E. Anger's account.

That the account of J. E. Anger for printing, amounting to $2.40, be paid, and that the Warden issue his cheque for same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. McCleary.

Report of committee *re* Lincoln Co. Council and tax exempti'n

That the report of Special Committee appointed to consider the communication from the County Council of the County of Lincoln be received and read.—Carried.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. McCleary,

That the report of the Special Committee *re* communication from County Council of Lincoln respecting tax exemptions just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gainer,

Chariotte Dabold.

That the amount allowed to Charlotte Dabold of $1.75 per week at last revision of insane list in November, is not found to be sufficient for her support :

Be it therefore resolved that the sum of twenty-five cents per week be allowed, said increase to commence 1st January inst.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

Duties of Gaol Surgeon

That until a by-law is passed by this Council, defining the duties of the Gaol Surgeon of this County, it shall be the duty of the said Gaol Surgeon or his substitute to visit the said gaol at least once during each day, and that he shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Inspector of Prisons for the government of common gaols, framed under authority of Cap. 224, Sec 9 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Council resumed.

Report of committee *re* Co. Oxford.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney,

That the report of Special Committee, *re* resolution from the County of Oxford, be reeeived and read.—Carried.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney.

That the report just read be adopted —Carried.

First Report Gaol Com.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That the first report of the Gaol Committee be received and read.—Carried.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Second report

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the second report of the Gaol Committee be received and read.—Carried.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That the second report of Gaol Committee just read be adopted.

Memorial *re* Mrs H N Oille

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

That the Clerk be, and he is hereby authorized to prepare a petition to the Hon. Attorney-General, setting forth the alleged facts in connection with the arrest and imprisonment of one Mrs. H. N. Oille, prisoner now confined in gaol, and to ask an investigation into the alleged facts, and that the Warden and Clerk do sign the same and attach the corporate seal thereto and forward it to the Honorable the Attorney-General.—Carried.

Add to Equalization Com.

Moved by Mr. Orchard, seconded by Mr. McIntyre,

That the name John A. Ramsden be added to the Equalization Committee for the year 1885.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney,

Memorial to Minister R'ys and Canals.

That leave be given to introduce a memorial to the Honorable the Minister of Railways and Canals for the Dominion of Canada.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney,

That the memorial be read a first time.—Carried.

Memorial read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney.

That the memorial be read a second time.—Carried.

Memorial read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mawhinney,

That the memorial be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith, that it do pass and that the Warden and Clerk do sign the same and attach the corporate seal thereto and forward to Dr. John Ferguson, M. P., for presentation to the Honorable Minister of Railways and Canals.—Carried.

Memorial read a third time and passed, signed and sealed and forwarded as directed.

By permission the Special Committee, *re* Wainfleet ditch tax, were allowed to retire.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Orchard,

Safes for Div. Court clerks

That the Clerk be instructed to find out what one-half dozen safes, second hand and not burglar proof, may be purchased for, the said safes to be of sizes to meet the requirements of the different Division Court offices of this County.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. McCleary,

Report of committee *re* Wainfleet ditch tax.

That the report of Special Committee, *re* arrears of drainage tax in Township of Wainfleet, be received and read.

Report read.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. McCleary,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Sisler,

That this Council do now adjourn, to meet again at the call of the Warden.—Carried.

Adjourned.

Pursuant to motion the Council adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

APPENDIX A.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW NO. 480.

For the Appointment of High School Trustees.

A BY-LAW for the Appointment of High School Trustees.

January 28th, 1885.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Municipality of the County of Welland to appoint High School Trustees for each of the High Schools within incorporated towns in said county, to fill the vacancies about to occur in the Boards of such towns.

And whereas it is necessary for said municipality to appoint two High School Trustees for High Schools situated elsewhere than in incorporated towns to fill the vacancies to occur in such Boards.

Therefore, be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, that for the High School situate in the Town of Welland, D. McEwing shall be High School Trustee; that for the High School situate in the Town of Thorold, Andrew Hardie shall be High School Trustee, and that for the High School situate in the Township of Stamford, Rev. R. Atchinson and Egerton Morden shall be High School Trustees.

Passed in Council this 28th day of January, 1885.

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

(Seal of County)

Signed,
C. RISELAY.
Warden.

BY-LAW NO. 481.

For Appointment of Boards of Audit.

A BY-LAW for the Appointment of Boards of Audit.

January 28th, 1885.

WHEREAS, in and by the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chap. 85, Sec. 7, a Board of Audit is to be appointed for the purpose named therein, to be composed of the Judge, or junior acting Judge of the County Court, and two other persons who shall be appointed annually for that purpose by the County Council of such County, or union of counties at their first meeting in each year, not more than one of such persons being a member for the time being of such Council.

And whereas it is necessary and expedient to give effect to such enactments in as far as relates to the County of Welland.

Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland,, that Ernest Cruickshank and James Henderson be, and they are hereby appointed members of the Board of Audit for the County of Welland for the current year.

And be it further enacted that the members of such Board of Audit shall be paid the sum of two dollars per day for their attend-

ance at such Audit, and five cents for each mile necessarily travelled in respect thereof in going to and from such Audit.

Passed in Council this 28th day of January, 1885.

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Seal of County

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

BY-LAW NO. 482.

Appointment of Auditors of Treasurer's Accounts.

A BY-LAW for the Appointment of Auditors.

January 28th, 1885.

WHEREAS, the Warden has appointed John H. Beam as Auditor of Treasurer's accounts on the part of the head of the Corporation, and this Council has appointed James A. Lowell as the other Auditor, and it is necessary to confirm such appointments.

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, and it is hereby enacted, that John H. Beam being the nominee of the Warden, and James A. Lowell being the nominee of this Council, be, and they are hereby appointed Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the current year.

Passed in Council this 28th day of January, 1885.

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Seal of County

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

BY-LAW NO. 483.

For Payment of County Officers.

A BY-LAW to fix Salaries of County Officers.

January 29th, 1885.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to provide by By-Law for the payment of the salaries of the several officers of this Council.

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, and it is hereby enacted, that there shall be paid to the several officers of this Council the following salaries per year, that is to say,

To the	Warden	$ 100 00
"	Clerk	450 00
"	Treasurer	600 00
"	Auditors each	25 00

And be it further enacted that the foregoing sums shall be paid monthly by the Treasurer upon the cheque of the Warden out of any funds in his hands belonging to the county, not otherwise appropriated.

Passed in Council this 29th day of January, 1885.

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

(Seal of County)

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

BY-LAW—NO. 484.

To Repeal By-Law No. 129, and to appoint Dr. S. H. Glasgow Gaol Surgeon.

A BY-LAW to Repeal By-Law No. 129 of this County, Entitled, a "By-Law to appoint Gaol Physician," and to appoint Dr. S. H. Glasgow as Gaol Surgeon of the County of Welland.

January 30th, 1885.

WHEREAS, the County Council of the County of Welland, did, by resolution passed on the 29th day of January, 1885, resolve that Dr. J. W. Schooley be removed from the position of Gaol Surgeon, and that Dr. S. H. Glasgow be appointed in his stead, and by a resolution passed at this morning's session, it was further resolved that the salary of Gaol Physician should be one hundred dollars per annum, and it is necessary and expedient that such resolutions should be confirmed.

Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted, that By-Law No. 129 of this county, appointing J. W. Schooley Gaol Physician, be repealed from and after the passing hereof.

And be it further enacted, and it is hereby enacted that Dr. S. H. Glasgow be appointed Gaol Surgeon of this county, and that the salary attached thereto shall be one hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1885.

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

(Seal of County)

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

BY-LAW NO. 485.

To Authorize the Warden to make Temporary Loans.

A BY-LAW to Authorize the Warden of the County of Welland to make Temporary Loans.

January 31st, 1885.

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for the Warden of the County of Welland to make temporary loans for the benefit of the County during the current year, And

Whereas in and by the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance, it was recommended that a By-Law be passed, authorizing the Warden to make such Temporary Loans.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, and it is hereby enacted, that the Warden be, and he is hereby authorized to make such Temporary Loans as may be necessary in the interests of the county during the current year, not to exceed $14,000.

Passed in Council this 31st day of January, 1885

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

(Seal of County)

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

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APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY AND SURROGATE REGISTRARS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled:

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the County Council of the County of York, advocating the appointment of county and surrogate Registrars by the County Councils, beg leave to submit this their report:

Your Committee are of the opinion that it would be unwise for the Council to concur in the resolution above referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

GEO. L. HOBSON,
ERNEST CRUICKSHANK,
JOHN WILSON,
DAVID METLER,
GEORGE TURNER,
JOHN McINTYRE.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 29th, 1885.

REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled:

The undersigned begs to report the following particulars at the beginning of the year, pertaining to his department:

The amount of insurance on the county buildings at the present time is $36,000—on library and furniture, $2,000, and the companies carrying the same, are as follows:

Caledonian, $2,000—Rate 9-10 per cent. Policy expires 20th Feb'y, 1887.

Northern, $9,000, (including $1,000 on furniture) rate, 8-10 per cent. Expires 26th May, 1886.

Lancashire, $6,000—Rate 8-10 per cent. Policy expires 12th July, 1886.

British America, $8,000—Rate 1 per cent. Expires 11th June, 1886.

" Library, $1,000—Rate 1 per cent. Expires 22nd June, 1886.

Liverpool, L. & G., $8,000—Rate 8-10 per cent. Expires 25th Sept., 1886.

Liverpool, L. & G., $4,000—Rate 8-10 per cent. Expires 9th April, 1886.

The Treasurer's bonds for $10,000 have been duly renewed, $5,000 in Guarantee Company of North America, expiring 1st Dec., 1885, and $5,000 in London Guarantee, expiring 1st April, 1885.

The amount out standing on Marsh Lands' accounts to different dates in 1884, about $10,000.

The Lot in Port Colborne reported last year as having been taken back from one Shaughnessy, and again resold, has again been taken by county—the party to whom it was sold declined after a time to take it—and as there was some discussion at the time of the report as to the advisability of selling it by private sale, the undersigned wishes instructions as to the sale of the lot, that it may be satisfactorily done the next ti[illegible].

The foregoi[illegible] was made previous to meeting of Council, and does not ente[illegible] minutely into particulars as is required by a motion passed yest[illegible]day, but trusts the same may be satisfactory in

the meantime, and would suggest that the Warden, as chairman of he Finance Committee, with one other member of Council, be appointed to look into each mortgage and direct what shall be done and report fully to Council in June.

Amount paid in 1884 was $2,782.15, which includes $1,225.20 paid by Government for land taken for canal enlargement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 29th, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* MAINTENANCE OF IDIOTS.

MEMORIAL MADE UP.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled:

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Council of the County of Carlton respecting the memorializing of the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the Province of Ontario, to take into consideration means for providing additional accommodation for the maintenance and protection of idiots of the Province of Ontario beg to submit this their report:

Your Committee recommend that this Council concur in the resolution of the County of Carlton, and that the Clerk of the Council be instructed to prepare a memorial to that effect, and that the same be signed and sealed by the Warden and forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

GEO. L. HOBSON,
WM. H. GAINER,
JOHN McINTYRE.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 29th, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STRIKE STANDING COMMITTEES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled:

Your Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the current year, beg leave to submit this their report:

On Finance—Messrs. Riselay, Orchard, Turner, Cruickshank, Ramsden, McCleary, Cronmiller and Hobson.

Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Wilson, Mawhinney, Miller Barnhard and Metler.

Gaol and County Buildings—Messrs. Griffiths, Shrimpton, Crchard, Ramsden, Sisler and Gainer.

Salaries—Messrs. McIntyre, Sisler, Griffiths, Brown, Carter, Neff, Ellsworth, Turner and Emmett.

Education—Messrs. Gainer, Hobson, Miller, Brown, Neff, Sisler Cronmiller, Orchard and Shrimpton.

Printing—Messrs. Wilson, Miller, Mawhinney, Ellsworth, Metler, Emmett, McCleary and Barnhard.

Equalization—Messrs. Orchard, Barnhard, Cruickshank, Carter, Brown McCleary, Eilsworth, Shrimpton, Cronmiller, Wilson, McIntyre, Metler and Griffiths.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

J. A. RAMSDEN,
GEO. SHRIMPTON.
JOHN MAWHINNEY,
JOHN WILSON,
G. L. HOBSON,
H. CRONMILLER,
GEORGE TURNER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
January 28th, 1885.

FIRST REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled :

The Gaol Committee beg leave to submit this their first report, and recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz :

P. McMurray	$ 4 00
John Gross (two accounts)	6 50
P. McMurray	8 32
R. Morwood	11 78
Ellsworth & Johnson	66 71
H. A. Rose	11 43
Frank Ott	14 38
Marcus Vanderburgh	9 00
O. H. Garner	8 90
James Foster	1 50
H. Schumaker, for painting	487 49

Your Gaol Committee would also recommend that the Sheriff be authorized to procure the necessary wearing apparel for a female prisoner now confined in the County Gaol, to go out with, as she has not the means of getting or procuring the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

H. GRIFFITHS, Chairman.
GEO. SHRIMPTON,
EDWARD SISLER,
W. H. GAINER,
JNO. A. ORCHARD,
J. A. RAMSDEN.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 31st, 1885.

SECOND REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland in Council Assembled :

Your Committee on Gaol and County Buildings beg leave to submit this their second report :

The work of painting and frescoing the Court House, which was given to Mr. Schumacher, has been completed in a manner satisfactory

to your Committee, at a total cost of $487.49. Since the work of Mr. Schumacher is completed, we would recommend that the prisoners confined in gaol, and sentenced to hard labor, be put to work at once breaking stone, and that Mr. Arthur Gilchriese be employed as a guard over the prisoners while so engaged. We find a female prisoner confined in gaol, and from a statement made to your Committee by the said prisoner, we are of the opinion that she has been illegally committed, and her case is a fit one to bring before the Honorable the Attorney General, for investigation, and your Committee recommend your honorable body to take the course you may deem necessary to bring the matter before him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

H. GRIFFITHS,
J. A. RAMSDEN,
JOHN A. ORCHARD,
W. H. GAINER,
GEO. SHRIMPTON,
EDWARD SISLER.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 31st, 1885.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled :

The Standing Committee on Education beg leave to submit this their first report :

Your Committee having taken into consideration the communication of F. Swayze *re* Model School, would recommend that the Warden be authorized to issue his check in favor of F. Swayze, chairman of Public School Board, Welland, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, as required by regulations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,
W. H. GAINER,
EDMUND MILLER,
EDWARD SISLER,
JOHN. A ORCHARD,
H. CRONMILLER,
G. L HOBSON,
WM. BROWN,
ELIHU NEFF,
GEO. SHRIMPTON.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 29th, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* TAX EXEMPTIONS—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* COMMUNICATION FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LINCOLN.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the County of Lincoln respecting exemptions from taxations, beg leave to report as follows:

That in their opinion the stock of all incorporated bodies ought to be assessed at its cash value against the individuals owning the same, who are residents of this Province, and when held by individuals residing in a foreign country or another Province, against the company at its chief office or offices in this Province.

That the land used or occupied for railroad purposes should be assessed at the actual value which it has reached by reason of the use to which it is put.

That all incomes exceeding $400, derived from any trade, profession or employment from any office in the service of any municipality, or in that of the Dominion Government or Legislative Assembly, or from capital invested in any foreign country, or in any business, the capital in trade of which has not been already assessed should be assessed in the municipality in which the person deriving the same resides.

That in their opinion exemptions from taxation should be solely confined to property used and occupied for religious, charitable, educational or public purposes, viz.: places of worship, public schools and colleges, cemeteries, hospitals and asylums, and similar institutions, and such lands as may be actually required, and are occupied for building purposes by the same, and all property belonging to the Imperial, Dominion or Provincial Governments, and all lands and property used or required for City, County, or other municipal purposes.

That your Council do memorialize the Legislative Assembly of this Province in accordance with the recommendations contained in this report, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare such memorials, and the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the same on behalf of this Council, and that it be forwarded to James E. Morin, M. P. P., to be presented to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

E. CRUICKSHANK,
WM. McCLEARY,
J. A. RAMSDEN,
H. GRIFFITHS,
C. D. EMMETT,
H. CRONMILLER,
W. E. ELLSWORTH,

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 31st, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* RAILWAY BONUSES.

Report of Special Committee to whom was referred the Resolution from the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Oxford :

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland in Council Assembled :

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution above named, beg leave to submit this their report :

Your Committee having considered the matter mentioned in the

resolution, are of opinion that inasmuch as this county is not in any way interested or affected by the same, the terms of the resolution be not concurred in.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

WM. McCLEARY, Chairman.
J. A. RAMSDEN,
GEO. SHRIMPTON,
W. E. ELLSWORTH,
H. CRONMILLER,
JOHN CARTER,
JOHN MAWHINNEY,
ERNEST CRUICKSHANK.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 31st, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* CANADA LAND LAW ASSOCIATION.

Report of Special Committee *re* the Memorial of the Canada Land Law Amendment Association :

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Canada Land Law Amendment Association, beg leave to submit the following report :

Your Committee having duly considered the aforesaid communication, respectfully recommend that your honorable body do concur with the views expressed in the aforesaid communication, and that the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario be memorialized in the form proposed, and that the Clerk do prepare said memorial, and that the same be signed by the Warden on behalf of your Council

and the corporate seal be attached, and it be transmitted to James E. Morin, M. P. P., to be presented to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Signed,
E. CRUICKSHANK,
EDMUND MILLER,
W. H. GAINER,
WM. McCLEARY,
EDWARD SISLER,
J. A. RAMSDEN,
WM. BROWN.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 30th, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* PUBLIC ROADS.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Corporation of the County of Waterloo, asking co-operation of this Council in petitioning the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario in respect to the urgent necessity in the public interest of an Act being passed, providing for the regulation, to a certain extent, of heavy traffic over all public roads and highways within this Province, by requiring a uniform width of tires on wagons and other wheeled vehicles to be used on all such roads and highways, beg leave to submit the following report.

Your Committee after duly considering the above mentioned Memorial, would not recommend concurrence with the subject matter therein set forth.

Signed,
W. H. GAINER,
H. CRONMILLER,
JOHN MAWHINNEY,
W. E. ELLSWORTH,
EDWARD SISLER,
ELIHU NEFF.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 30th, 1885.

STATEMENT OF COUNTY TREASURER.

Amount due by Municipalities:

Bertie, balance	$ 1,300 00	
Thorold Township	305 00	
Crowland Township	400 00	
Wainfleet Township	1,650 00	$ 3,655 00

Amount due Imperial Bank at this date....$ 8,063 01

In all probability will be required for the year 1885, viz.:

Witnesses in criminal cases, about	$ 250 00
Board of Education, about	1,000 00
Jury pay, 4 courts, about	1,250 00
Contingent account, about	500 00
Administration of Justice, about	5,000 00
Salaries, about	2,500 00
Printing account, about	200 00
Schools, about	1,700 00
Insane, about	2,000 00
	$ 14,400 00

Will be required besides:

Fuel account.....
Gaol repairs.....
Interest account.....
Roads and Bridges.....
Registry Office, &c.....

Treasurer's Office, Welland,
Jan'y 30th, 1885.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SALARIES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council Assembled

The Standing Committee on Salaries, beg leave to submit this their report, recommending the following as salaries for the current year, to be paid the several officers hereinafter named, that is to say:

To the	Warden	$ 100 00
"	County Clerk	450 00
"	County Treasurer	600 00
"	Auditors, each	25 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

JOHN McINTYRE,
C. D. EMMETT,
EDWARD SISLER,
ELIHU NEFF,
W. E. ELLSWORTH,
JOHN CARTER,
WM. BROWN,
GEORGE TURNER,
HERBERT GRIFFITHS.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan'y 29th, 1885.

COUNTY SCHOOL INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1884.

To Cranmer Riselay, Esq., Warden of the County of Welland:

SIR:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Schools under my jurisdiction for the year 1884:

I—NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

The number of schools in rural sections was	80
" Incorporated Villages	4
Additional departments in rural sections, and Incorated Villages	8
Total	92

2—ATTENDANCE.

The number of pupils enrolling under 5 years old, was.....	17
Between 5 and 16.....	5,062
Between 16 and 21.....	171
Over 21.....	4
Total enrolled.....	5,254
The number that attended school less than 20 days during the year, was.....	519
The number that attended between 20 and 50 days, was...	899
" " 51 " 100 " ...	1,433
" " 101 " 150 " ...	1,061
" " 151 " 200 " ...	1,061
" " 201 and the whole year..	281
And the average attendance for the year, was.....	2,372

Or about 45 1-7 per cent. of the number enrolled.

3—CLASSIFICATION.

The number of pupils in the first or lowest class, was.....	1,487
" " Second, was.....	1,077
" " Third, was.....	1,401
" " Fourth, was.....	1,126
" " Fifth, was.....	163
The number of pupils in spelling, was.....	4,248
" " Writing, was.....	4,515
" " Arithmetic, was.....	4,601
" " Drawing, was.....	3,700
" " Geography, was.....	3,044
" " Singing, was.....	1,849
" " Grammar and Composition, was..	2,452
" " History, was.....	953
" " Object lessons.....	1,941
" " Temperance and Hygiene.....	762
" " Domestic Economy.....	60
" " Drill and Callisthenics.....	1,502
" " Algebra.....	77
" " Geometry and Mensuration.....	44
" " Elementary Physics.....	29
" " Agriculture.....	74

4—TRUSTEES' RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance in Trustees' hands from 1883	$	5,461 27
Amount received from Government grant		3,279 27
" Municipal grant		3,294 37
" Tax on property		26,379 06
" Clergy reserve fund and all other sources		3,947 38
Total amount received		52,361 35

TRUSTEES' EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid teachers	$	29,174 60
" school sites and school houses, interest, &c.		595 31
" libraries, maps, apparatus and prize books.		52 35
" Repairs, fuel, lighting fires, and other incidental expenses		7,636 72
Total amount paid	$	37,458 98
Making the amount paid for every pupil enrolled, about.		7 13
And for every pupil in average attendance		15 86
And leaving a balance in Trustees' hands		14,902 37

5—SALARIES

The highest salary paid a male teacher, was	$	700 00
The lowest " "		300 00
And the average		437 00
The highest salary paid a female teacher, was		360 00
And the average		283 00

6—TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

The number of teachers holding first-class Old County Board certificates, was	17
Old County second-class Provincial	15
Third-class County Boards	57
Special	1
Assistants	2

Of the 57 third-class certificates, 15 were second-class non-professional.

7—ACCOMMODATIONS.

The accommodations, both in regard to the school houses and out premises, and the furniture and equipments are, in the majority of schools, good, and in a large proportion of them. excellent. Improvements, however, are steadily going on, as in some cases it is desirable that the schools should be placed upon a better and more satisfactory footing, while it is necessary that the school houses and out-premises should be adequate, it is also important that the furniture should be suitable, and that ample equipments should be provided.

The furniture with which most of our schools is supplied, and which is gradually taking the place of the pine furniture still remaining, is of the most approved kind, being comfortable and convenient, and at the same time such as to contribute to the neatness and tastefulness of the school room.

In regard to equipments, however, it is commonly thought that one good black board is sufficient for all requirements, but in some of our best schools black boards are placed in all available places on the walls, and while the expense of providing them is comparatively small, they are found to be of great practical utility in teaching.

Most of the subjects can be better taught by the use of the black board than without it, and it is sometimes advantageous to allow the work done on the black board, or the questions placed there to remain, while other work is going on, or to have a whole class work upon the blackboard at the same time, and for these purposes ample space is required.

So useful an equipment as the blackboard, should not only be ample, but also of the best description. The common wall plastering which is often used for the purpose, is not sufficiently substantial and durable, and while wood answers a good purpose, blackboard cement forms one which is not only durable, but also free from the joints of a wooden one, and upon which work can be the most easily and neatly performed.

8—CONDITIONS OF SCHOOL ROOMS AND PREMISES.

In most of the schools the endeavors to secure cleanliness neatness and order in the school rooms and premises, have been successful in some cases, however,the custom prevalent during the earlier history of our schools of relegating the work of scrubbing, sweeping,

dusting, &c., to the teacher and pupils has not yet altogether died out. Economical considerations seem to cause a reluctance to yield to more recent legislation, requiring the Trustees to make suitable provision for this purpose, and as a result, longer intervals sometimes occur between the times of scrubbing, sweeping, &c.. than should be the case if neatness, cleanliness and tidiness are to be preserved.

It is important, however, that educational institutions and their surroundings should be in all respects unexceptionable.

The cultivation of house plants, as a means of rendering the school room pleasant and attractive, though hardly yet general, is becoming more so, and attention is also given to the planting of shade trees, with a view to improving the appearance of the premises, and adding to the comfort of the pupils in hot weather.

Although great credit is due to many sections for the excellent accommodations they have provided, some of which are kept in a very satisfactory condition.

The Niagara Falls South public school affords a model not only as to the character of the accommodations, but also as to the cleanliness, neatness and taste displayed, both within doors and outside, and although we are able to boast of a number of excellent teachers, there is an appropriateness in having the Niagara Falls South Public School under the arrangement of the excellent teacher, who has for so many years been in charge.

9—LIGHTING, HEATING AND VENTILATION.

In the construction of the school houses, the principal of admitting light into the school room from the two opposite sides, only has in some instances been overlooked ; but by closing up windows cross lights have been to some extent avoided, and in the matter of seating, such arrangements have been effected as enable the pupils in almost every case, to sit facing a blackboard.

As to heating, the arrangements are generally satisfactory. In some schools coal is used, and when the stoves are properly managed, the school rooms are always comfortably warm, but in most of the schools wood is used. In the Niagara Falls South School hot water is employed, which affords an even temperature throughout, and is conducive to a pleasant and healthy state of the atmosphere.

The ventilation of the school rooms is generally effected by keeping windows a little lowered, care being taken to prevent cold blasts from falling upon the pupil.

10—SUPPLY OF TEACHERS.

The supply of teachers during the year has scarcely been equal to the demand, even after extending an unusual number of certificates. The law authorizing such extensions has proved highly advantageous, not only in giving elasticity to the school system, but also in enabling Trustees to continue the services of efficient teachers, and avoid the prejudicial effects of a frequent change.

Moreover, a teacher of three years' experience is able to accomplish more in a given time than a novice, and by extending certificates a staff of experienced teachers can better be secured.

11—OPENING AND CLOSING EXERCISES.

With very rare exceptions, the schools are opened with prayer, or with reading the Scriptures and prayers,and in some of the schools, singing also forms one of the opening exercises. The closing exercises is generally prayer.

12—ORDER, DISCIPLINE AND PROFICIENCY.

The order maintained in the schools is usually good, and the demeanor of the pupils respectful. The rewards for recitation, conduct and punctuality are merit marks, merit cards change of places in the class, inscribing the names on the honor roll, and in a few instances prizes.

In carrying out discipline the usual punishments are demerit marks, detention standing on the floor and corporal punishment, suspension or expulsion is very rarely resorted to.

In regard to the state of proficiency while in our best schools, a highly creditable degree is attained to in the different subjects taught, in the majority of the schools, although a uniformly good standing in all subjects can scarcely be expected, substantial progress has been made.

13—PROGRAMME OF STUDIES.

The essential subjects to which attention has hitherto been chiefly directed still hold a prominent place in the programme, but drawing

and literature will hereafter require more special attention, as greater proficiency in those subjects will now be exacted for admission to High Schools.

Marks will be awarded in drawing, both for work done at the examination and for the proficiency exhibited in the candidate's drawing book.

In literature, candidates will be expected to be able to quote from memory, passages of special excellence from the selections from the fourth reader, to show that they have studied the lessons thoughtfully and entered into the spirit of them ; to illustrate and show the appropriateness of important words and phrases ; to explain allusions and to paraphrase difficult passages so as to show the meaning clearly. Such an acquaintance with selections from the best authors as is now contemplated can hardly fail to be be beneficial in its results and to promote improvement in taste, in sentiment, and in feeling.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. H. BALL,

County Inspector.

Thorold, Jan. 28, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* COUNTY POOR HOUSES.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Council of the corporation of the County of Wellington, asking co-operation of this Council in petitioning the House of Assembly to grant Provincial aid to County poor houses, industrial houses and general hospitals, beg to submit this their report :

Your Committee, after duly considering the above stated memorial, do not concur in the advisability of this Council memorializing in respect of the subject matter therein set forth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,
W. H. GAINER,
EDMUND MILLER,
ELIHU NEFF,
EDWARD SISLER,
M. B. BARNHARD.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 29th, 1885.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* WAINFLEET DITCH TAX.

Report of Special Committee *re* communication of Wm. Brown, Esq. :

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication of William Brown, Esq., Reeve of Wainfleet, respecting certain arrears for drainage taxation upon certain lands formerly owned by the County of Welland and subsequently sold to private individuals, beg leave to report that having duly considered the facts in the case, they recommend that the matter be deferred for further consideration at the next session of this Council.

Signed,
J. A. RAMSDEN,
ERNEST CRUICKSHANK,
EDMUND MILLER,
WM. McCLEARY,
JOHN WILSON.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 31, 1885.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to submit this their first report, and recommend that the following certified accounts be paid, and that the Warden be authorized to issue his cheques in payment thereof, viz:

O. H. Garner	$ 8 30
John H. Thompson	2 40
J. J. Sidey	3 00
L. D. Raymond	13 00
J. H. Ball	15 95
Estate of Judge McDonald	16 40

Your Committee find that there is due from the following municipalities:

Township of Wainfleet	$1650 00
" Crowland	400 00
" Bertie	1300 00
" Thorold	305 00
	$3656 00

Your Committee also find that there is due the Imperial Bank the sum of $8063.01, being balance of loan made Oct. 30th, 1884, and that it will also require the sum of six thousand dollars to meet current expenses until the fall.

Your Committee would recommend that the Warden be authorized to raise by way of temporary loan the sum of fourteen thousand dollars for the purpose of meeting the loan above mentioned, and to meet current expenses, and that a by-law be passed to that effect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

JOHN A. ORCHARD,
GEORGE TURNER,
H. CRONMILLER,
G. L. HOBSON,
ERNEST CRUICKSHANK.

Council Chamber, Welland,
Jan. 30, 1885.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF COUNTY JUDGE *RE* GAOL SURGEON.

To the Warden and Municipal Council of the County of Welland:

In the matter of Doctor J. W. Schooley, Surgeon of the Gaol of the County of Welland, and of Sec. 480 of "The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1883."

I have to report that in pursuance of the resolution of the County Council passed on the 7th November last, I proceeded to investigate the charges against the Gaol Surgeon specified in that resolution.

The charges were the following, viz:

First—Gross and continued neglect in attendance as Gaol Surgeon on the prisoners confined in the gaol for months prior to his suspension.

Second—Gross and continued neglect in attendance on the families of the gaoler and turnkey.

Third—Using grossly and abusive language of the Sheriff.

Fourth—Malicious mutilation of the Gaol Surgeon's book belonging to the office.

Fifth—General irregularities in performing the duties of his office.

The gaoler was suspended by the Sheriff on the 18th August last.

As to the first charge: It was urged that (1) Between the 11th June, 1883, and the 17th August, 1884, Dr. Schooley failed to visit the gaol during a number of periods exceeding four days each, such periods being 34 in number, and varying from 5 to 14 days, and the prisoners confined numbering from 3 to 14. It is not stated that any of them required medical attendance, and (2)

That he failed to visit when required to do so, the following prisoners then ill, viz.: Frederick Barber, George Offspring, John McQuinn and Mrs. Oille.

As to (1) I find that Dr. Schooley was not in attendance on the days mentioned, but I am not prepared to say that such non attendance constituted acts of "Gross Neglect," as charged. Leaving out of the question the cases of Barber, Offspring, McQuinn and Oille, which I will deal with separately, it is not shown that he had knowledge of, or was notified by the gaol officials of existing cases of illness, requiring immediate attention, and failed to attend to them. It is not specified in the prison regulations that any daily or other periodical attendance is necessary except under Rule 34, and several others, none of which, however, touch this allegation, and no satisfactory evidence was given of usage, except in cases of actual illness requiring attention.

As to the cases under (2), I find that Barber and McQuinn were both afflicted with incurable diseases, and could not be relieved in any way, and that medical attendance was unnecessary in their cases although the Doctor did on various occasions visit and prescribe for them.

But that Dr. Schooley, although notified between the 6th and 14th January, 1884, to attend George Offspring, and between the 6th and 12th August, 1884. to attend Mrs. Oille, both of whom were ill, and required medical attendance, failed to do so.

It is however but justice to Dr. Schooley, to say in reference to the case of Offspring, that he was away from home at the time of the neglect complained of, or at least for part of the time, and engaged in professional duties during the remainder of it, and his partner, Dr. Montague, a physician in good standing, offered to attend in his stead, but was informed by the acting gaoler that he would not be

permitted to do so. In reference to the case of Mrs. Oille, I think Dr. Schooley was either out of Welland, or professionally engaged when notice was left at his office to attend. His partner, Dr. Carrol, was in the office at the time, and I believe would have attended on behalf of Dr. Schooley had it not been understood and believed that no partner of Dr. Schooley would be accepted at the gaol as a substitute. It is unfortunately a fact that the relations between Dr. Schooley of the one part, and the Sheriff and the present turnkey of the other one, were of the most antagonistic character. I do not know who is to blame for the acrimonious feeling between the parties.

It was not alleged that there was any neglect of the turnkey's family, but it was urged that there had been a failure to attend a child of the gaoler, Mr. Coulson, who was ill.

I think the latter complaint was based upon a misconception on the part of both the gaoler and the Gaol Surgeon. The latter had ordered a bottle of medicine similar to some he had before prescribed for the gaoler's child to be sent to the gaol office from the druggist. The first bottle had been labelled with directions as to the manner and quantities in which the contents were to be administered; the last one was not so labelled. It appears to me that the gaoler imagined the doctor would prescribe the dose to be taken from the last bottle, while the doctor supposed the instructions given in the first instance would be followed without any further directions from him. The last bottle was not used, and the gaoler called in another physician without going to see the doctor about the matter.

I do not find that this charge is substantiated.

As to the third charge: I find, and it has not been denied, that about the 17th of January last, in the gaoler's office, Dr. Schooley told the turnkey, in the presence of the assistant turnkey, that the sheriff was not fit for his position, the only thing he was qualified for, being for carrying paper for closet use at a second-class hotel. I cannot well conceive any language grosser or more abusive than that, and find that charge sustained.

As to the fourth charge: The Gaol Surgeon's book is one of the records of the gaol. Dr. Burgar was called in to visit and prescribe for the prisoners Offspring and Oille in the absense of Dr. Schooley, and made entries in the book in question—first on the 11th of August, 1884, and again on the 16th of the same month. Dr.

Schooley called soon after each entry, and on each occasion tore ont of the book a whole page, containing not only the entries made by Dr. Burgar, but some made by himself in reference to other prisoners. I think he was actuated more by anger and annoyance at the entries in the book by Dr. Burgar, and the latter being called to the gaol and told to continue to treat prisoners, than by a desire to injure the book. However, the book was not his—it was a public record, and in mutilating it as he did he committed an unlawful act. I find, therefore, that he unlawfully mutilated the book.

As to the fifth charge: The only irregularities shewn were those above mentioned.

Signed,
GEORGE BAXTER,
Judge of the County Court of the County of Welland.

Welland, January 27, 1885.

ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

TORONTO, 15th January, 1885.

DEAR SIR,—

I am instructed by the Council of the Ontario Rifle Association to make their annual appeal for assistance, in the shape of a small donation, to the several municipalities of the Province.

The Council has to express its gratitude for the prompt attention that has generarlly met the appeals of former years, and ventures to hope the same generosity will be experienced in the present instance.

The amount asked is $10.00, which, if small in itself, in the aggregate goes a long way in making up the funds necessary to enable the Association to present a satisfactory prize list at its annual competition.

I remain, dear sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. D. OTTER, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary

THE CLERK,
County Council,
of Welland.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA.

WELLAND, Jan. 30th, 1885.

C. Riselay, Esq., Warden:

SIR,—I am requested by this Bank to bring under your notice the indebtedness of the county to the same, and as in all probability the county will require further advances, I would suggest that the Council pass a By-law authorizing you to contract for the same.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES McGLASHAN,
Manager.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF WELLAND.

To William Burns, Dr.:

Dec. 31st, 1884.

To one year's attendance in swinging the Montrose Bridge across the Welland River.....$50 00

Montrose, Tp. of Stamford,
Dec. 31st, 1884.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

OTTAWA, Jan'y 17th, 1885.

To County Clerk of Welland :

SIR,—I have been instructed by the Council of the County of Carlton, to transmit a copy of a resolution passed at the December session, and to ask for the co-operation of your County Council.

CHAS. MACNAB,
County Clerk.

"Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, that on account of the large number of the idiotic class of human beings existing throughout the Province of Ontario, and although the Ontario Government have made provisions to a certain extent in providing Asylums for this unfortunate class, yet there is still a great want and necessity for additional accommodation in that respect. Be it

resolved, that the Warden of this Corporation be authorized to memorialize the Lieutentant-Governor-in-Council of the Province of Ontario, to take into consideration means for providing additional accommodation for the maintenance and protection of those unfortunate beings, and that the Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to each Clerk of the several counties in Ontario.—Carried."

MEMORIAL OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN *RE* TAX EXEMPTION.

To the Hon. John Beverly Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, in Council :

The Memorial of the Municipal Council of the County of Lincoln, in the Province of Ontario, most respectfully sheweth :

That the different religious denominations of the Province of Ontario are the owners of large quantities of real estate and valuable property, amounting in the aggregate to millions of dollars, all of which is by the law of the land exempt from all municipal taxation :

That the amount of property thus exempt is annually increasing, thus continually adding to the burden of the taxpayers by increasing the rate of taxation on all property not thus exempt:

That all such exempted property derives fully as much benefit from all municipal improvements as property not so exempt, and consequently ought to bear its proportion of the cost of all such improvements :

That all such exemptions are an injustice to all the ratepayers of this Province, imposing on them a burden grievous to be borne :

That there are various other classes of exemptions from taxations which, though much smaller in amount, are equally unjust in principle :

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the important subject of all exemptions from taxation may engage your favorable consider-

ation, and that of the council, and that at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario you may recommend such legislation as will remedy this growing evil and injustice.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

JAMES HISCOTT, *Warden*
F. A. B. CLENCH, *County Clerk.*

Council Chamber, St. Catharines,
Nov. 14th, 1884.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
WOODSTOCK, 22nd Dec., 1884.

DEAR SIR,—

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the County of Oxford at its session on the 5th December instant, which you will please lay before the Council of your municipality at its January session.

I have also the honor to request in terms of the resolution that the Council of your County will appoint a similar delegation to that appointed by the Council of the County of Oxford.

It was considered extremely desirable by the Council of the County of Oxford that all the County municipalities interested should take united action in this very important matter; and to this end I have the honor to request, in terms of the resolution, that you will be pleased to notify me when your County Council shall have appointed its delegation, giving the names and addresses of the delegates with a view to arranging a day upon which all the delegates may meet in Ottawa during the next session of the Dominion Parliament for the purpose indicated in the enclosed resolution.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES WHITE,
County Clerk.

To Joseph C. Page, Esq.,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Copy of a resolution passed by the County Council of the County of Oxford on the 5th December, 1884:

Moved by Mr. Waterworth, seconded by Mr. Selden, and

RESOLVED, That a delegation, composed of Messrs. Peers, Nancekivell and Gibson, be appointed to proceed to Ottawa during the next session of the Dominion Parliament for the purpose of urging the claims that every municipality in the Province of Ontario which granted aid by way of bonus to any of those railways in the Province, which have or may yet be declared by acts of the Dominion Legislature to be for the general advantage of Canada, has upon the Legislature for a recoupment of such monies; and that the Clerk of this Council be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Clerk of every interested municipality, together with a request that the County Council of each interested County will, at its January session, appoint a similar delegation; and that in order to joint action in this very important matter, the Clerks of the various Counties addressed be requested to notify the Clerk of this Council when such appointments shall have been made, giving the names and addresses of the delegates, with a view to arranging a day upon which all the delegates so appointed may meet in Ottawa for the purpose above indicated.

Certified a correct copy.

JAMES WHITE,
County Clerk.

Woodstock, 22nd Dec., 1884.

CLERKS OFFICE, COUNTY OF YORK

TORONTO, Dec. 18th, 1884.

SIR,—I am directed to enclose you a copy of resolution adopted by the Council of the County of York, advocating the appointment of County and Surrogate Registrars by County Councils, with power to

regulate the fees, &c., &c., and to request the co-operation of your Council in bringing the matter before the Government and Local Legislature.

I am, &c.,
Your obedient servant,
GEO. EAKIN.
County Clerk.

"Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Vanyant, moves: That in the opinion of this Council it would prove conducive to the best interests of the people, and be more in accord with the spirit and genius of municipal institutions in this Province, to make County and Surrogate Registrars, county officers, to confer upon County Councils power to appoint the same, as they now do County Treasurers; also power to regulate the fees and emoluments chargeable for registration, filing of document, searches, &c., by By-law, up to a maximum rate, not exceeding the fees now payable, said fees to form part of the general funds of the county. due regard being had to acquired or vested rights of present incumbents.—Carried."

Signed,

GEORGE EAKIN, *Clerk.*
E. J. DAVIS, *Warden.*

Nov. 21st, 1883.

COUNTY MODEL SCHOOL GRANT.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled:

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to call your attention to 44 Vic., Chap. 30., Sec. 11, where it is the duty of the County Council to provide, each year, in aid of the County Model School, an amount at least equal to the amount apportioned or paid by the Department of Education in support of such school.

The amount so paid by the department is $150.00.

Therefore we humbly request that your Honorable Body will make such provision, and we would be pleased to receive any further sum you may think fit to provide.

I have the honor to remain, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. SWAYZE,

Chairman P. S. Board.

Welland.

THOS. D. COWPER,

Secretary.

Welland, Jan. 28th, 1885.

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON
CLERK'S OFFICE.

FERGUS, NOV. 21st, 1884.

SIR,

I have been instructed to transmit to you a copy of a memorial, adopted by the Council of the Corporation of this County, and to ask the co-operation of your Council in petitioning the House of Assembly to grant Provincial aid to the County institutions therein mentioned.

Yours obediently,

JOHN BEATTIE,

Connty Clerk.

The County Clerk,
County of Welland.

To the Honorable, the House of Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

The Memorial of the Council of the Corporation of the County of ————————

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That County poor houses, industrial farms and general hospitals have been established in several Counties in the Province, and are managed and maintained by the respective County Councils.

Your Memorialists are of opinion that these institutions are entitled to receive annually a certain amount of Government aid, and could respectfully suggest to your Honorable House the propriety of granting to each County poor house, Industrial farm, or General

Hospital, established and managed by the Council of the Corporation of the County in which it is situated, a fair and equitable proportion of the sum annually voted by your Honorable House for the support of hospitals and charities.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Warden.

Clerk.

Council Chamber,————————188.

COUNTY CLERK AND TREASURER'S OFFICE, COURT HOUSE.

BERLIN, Jan'y 19th, 1885.

DEAR SIR,—I have been instructed to forward you the enclosed, being a copy of a Memorial addressed to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, adopted by the County Council of the County of Waterloo, and would request that you be so kind as to lay the same before your council at its first session, and ask their co-operation in forwarding the object therein mentioned.

I have the honor to be, dear sir, your obedient servant,

ISRAEL D. BOWMAN,

County Clerk.

To the Honorable, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

The petition of the Municipal Corporation of the County of

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That your petitioners are impressed with the urgent necessity in the public interest of an Act being passed by your Honorable Body, providing for the regulation, to a certion extent, of heavy traffic over all public roads and highways within this Province, by requiring a uniform width of tires on wagons and other wheeled vehicles to be used on all such roads and highways.

That the tires at present in general use are one inch and three-quarters wide. This in your petitioners' opinion is entirely too narrow in the case of heavily laden vehicles, especially when the roads are in

a soft condition, the tires cutting into and destroying the road beds, thereby increasing the difficulties, and compelling the use of more draught power in general road traffic, and adding largely to the expense of road work and repairs to highways in all parts of the Province.

That any Legislative measure which will provide a fair and just remedy for this state of things will be a great relief to municipal ratepayers, and to all others interested in our public roads being kept in proper condition and repair, and a great boon to the people of the Province generally, and your petitioners pray that any such measure which may be submitted to your Honorable Body will receive the most favorable consideration, and with your advice and consent be passed into law.

That in the opinion of your petitioners, any Act for this purpose should provide that within a reasonable period after its enactment, the width of tires on wagons, drays, and all other wheeled vehicles used on any of the public roads or highways within the said Province, and carrying a load of two thousand or two thousand five hundred pounds and upwards, shall not be less than three and a half inches wide, and that any person or persons violating the provisions of the Act shall, upon conviction, be liable to the payment of a reasonable fine and costs, or to such other punishment, for enforcing the provisions of this Act, as may seem just and proper.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed by the direction and on behalf of the Municipal Council of the said Corporation.

Done at the Council Chamber, at————this————day of January, A. D., 1885.

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Warden.

Countersigned,

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Clerk.

{ L. S. }

PETITION *RE* HUMBERSTONE FERRY.

To the Honorable, the Minister of Railways and Canals for the Dominion of Canada, Ottawa:—

The petition of the Municipality of the County of Welland

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That at present there exists a Ferry at the fourth concession of the Township of Humberstone, across the Welland Canal, which is in its present condition inadequate, dangerous and annoying to the travelling public, who are obliged to use it from the fact that the approaches on either side are so steep that the lives of both man and beast are endangered in attempting to cross,

And whereas, a number of accidents have already occurred; among the number are the following: In December, 1883, John Roach had a horse killed; in the Fall of 1881, R. Shekleton and brother upset their top buggy, were thrown out and considerably injured. John Leech was also thrown out of his vehicle and very seriously injured, which has resulted in an arbitration with the Government to recover for damages sustained, and is still unsettled, besides innumerable accidents of minor importance.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the Government will cause the banks on both sides of the Ferry to be levelled, and the approaches thereto put in a condition that will insure safety to those persons who have occasion to cross in the said Ferry.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 30th day of January, 1885.

Signed.
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

PETITION TO MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS *RE* SWING BRIDGE, WAINFLEET.

To The Honorable, the Minister of Railways and Canals for the Dominion of Canada, Ottawa:

The Memorial of the County Council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That for a distance of seven miles on the Feeder Branch of the Welland Canal, between the Village of Marshville and the Junction

there is no swing bridge or other means of crossing the Feeder. That the road allowance between the third and fourth concession is in a direct line between Dunnville and Fort Erie, and would be the main travelled road between the said town and village. It would be in the interest of the travelling public generally if a swing bridge was in existence at the above named place.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that the Government will be pleased to cause a swing bridge to be constructed at the point referred to across the Welland Canal Feeder, in the Township of Wainfleet.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 31st day of January, 1885,

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

PETITION OF COUNTY OF WELLAND.

Praying that the House will take into its favorable consideration any measure having for its object the simplification of the Land Laws and for the introduction of the Torrens System of Land Transfer.

To the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

The Petition of the County Council of the County of Welland

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That your Petitioners are desirous that some simple and inexpensive system of Land Transfer should be adopted in this Province, whereby land-holders may be able to deal with their lands with great facility, and may not be subject to the delays and expenses which are common under the present system.

That the present system of Land Transfer is objectionable on the following grounds:

First—It is expensive; and as the number of transactions increase, expense will increase also.

Second—It frequently causes serious delays, loss and disappointment to property holders.

Third—It is uncertain; land-owners having no guarantee of the soundness of their titles.

Fourth—It is complex; and by the increase in the number of registries, the investigation of title is constantly becoming more difficult and complicated.

That your Petitioners have been informed that for the last twenty-five years there has been in operation in Australia a system of Land Transfer known as "The Torrens System," whereby titles are rendered indefeasible, and as good as if held directly by patent from the Crown; and land has been made as easily transferable as a share in a bank or incorporated company.

That your Petitioners are most desirous that a similar system be introduced into this Province as speedily as possible.

Your petitioners therefore pray:

That your Honorable House will be pleased to take into your favorable consideration any measure having for its object the simplification of the Laws for the transfer of Land; and if it shall be found that the Torrens System has proved successful in Australia, to adopt the same to the requirements of this Province.

And further, that such amendments be made in the Laws respecting Real Estate, and the tenure thereof, as may be necessary to secure the effective administration of the proposed new system.

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

L. S.

MEMORIAL *RE* EXEMPTIONS.

To the Legislative Assembly for the Province of Ontario, in Parliament Assembled:

The Memorial of the County of Welland

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That in the opinion of the Council of the County of Welland, the stock of all incorporated bodies ought to be assessed at its cash value against the individuals owning the same, who are residents of this

Province, and when held by individuals residing in a foreign country, in another Province, against the company at its chief office or offices in this Province.

That the land used or occupied for railroad purposes should be assessed at the actual value which it has reached by reason of the use to which it is put.

That all incomes exceeding four hundred dollars derived from any trade, profession or employment, from any office in the service of any municipality, or in that of the Dominion Government or Legislative Assembly, or from capital invested in any foreign country or in any business, the capital in trade of which has not been already assessed, should be assessed in the municipality in which the person deriving the same, resides.

That exemptions from taxation should be solely confined to property used and occupied for religious, charitable, educational or public purposes, viz.: places of worship, public schools and colleges, cemetries, hospitals and assylums, and similar institutions, and such lands as may be actually required, and are occupied for building purposes by the same, and all property belonging to the Imperial Dominion or Provincial Governments, and all land and property used or required for city, county, or other municipal purposes.

Passed in Council the 31st January, 1885.

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
Connty Clerk.

County Seal.

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable, the Minister of Railways and Canals for the Dominion of Canada:

The Memorial of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That for a distance of seven miles on the Feeder Branch of the Welland Canal, between the Village of Marshville and the Junction, there is no swing bridge or other means of crossing the Feeder.

That the road allowance between the third and fourth concessions is on a direct line between Dunnville and Fort Erie, and would be the

main travelled road between the said town and village, it would be in the interest of the travelling public generally if a swing bridge was in existence at the above named place.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that the Government will be pleased to cause a swing bridge to be constructed at the point referred to across the Welland Canal Feeder, in the Township of Wainfleet.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in Council this 31st day of January, 1885.

Signed
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

L. S.

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.

PETITION *RE* ACCOMMODATION FOR IDIOTS.

To the Honorable John Beverly Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, in Council:

The Memorial of the Municipal Council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That on account of the large number of idiotic class of human beings existing throughout the Province of Ontario, the accommodation for this unfortunate class is quite inadequate, and a great want is felt for additional provision for their protection and care.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that you will take into consideration means for providing additional accommodation for the maintenance and protection of these unfortunate beings.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed,
J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

Seal of County

Signed,
C. RISELAY,
Warden.